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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: March 11, 2003, Aragonite Mine Site DOGM Compliance Standards Meeting - Lon Thomas representing Star Stone Quarries, Inc. and Tom Munson and Doug Jensen representing DOGM

## Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to memorialize our March 11, 2003 visit at the Aragonite Mine Site pursuant to your request.

The 4 principal issues that were addressed during the visit consisted of the following:

- Revegetation of reclaimed areas
- Areas to be exempted from reclamation, if any
- Five acre boundary markers
- Areas of Safety Concerns

The DOGM representatives found that the areas disturbed by Neil Jensen disturbed several years ago and reclaimed by Star Stone Quarries and the vegetation growing thereon, was acceptable.

A discussion was held respecting the five acre boundary markers. Lon Thomas identified and pointed out boundary markers. It was agreed that the boundary markers were not an issue because there was no current mining activity.

It was also discussed that Star Stone Quarries was not responsible for reclamation with respect to any old mining areas for which it was not involved as either an owner or lessee at the time of mining.

DOGM considered that certain of these older mining areas posed a safety concern. It was agreed that at this time there should be no requirement to fill in the mine workings where there was ore of commercial value still exposed. It was also agreed that the high walls on the east and west sides of the Main mine did not pose a hazard where there were no trails in the area, no unblocked roads and the mine is of sufficient size that any unauthorized persons coming into proximity and/or visual contact with the high walls would be able to clearly identify any possible danger imposed. It was agreed that no fence or signage would be necessary in these areas.

The parties agreed upon the following to resolve the safety issues:

- a. A new cover would be welded on top of the mine shaft to prevent unauthorized entry.
- b. The road that leads to a glory hole on the upper portion of the mine workings would be breached so as to make it impassible for motorized vehicles and more difficult for unauthorized persons to access this area.
- c. No trespassing signs would be posted where appropriate on the fenced area on the property and at access points. Danger signs would also be posted at mine openings.
- d. The rock walls will be drilled approximately 100 feet north of the mine opening (glory hole) located on the north side of the main mine, as necessary to attach a barbed wire barrier fence. T posts will also be installed across the access just prior to the glory hole. Danger signs will be posted as necessary to warn all unauthorized persons entering the area of the danger posed by the mine openings.
- e. T posts will be installed near the edge of the road on the North Side of the mine where a road swings around to the east side of the mine property and ends where the mine excavation has cut this road. Danger signs will be placed at this location to warn all unauthorized persons of this hazard.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Thomas,

President Star Stone Quarries, Inc.